



Red Lion United Methodist Newsletter

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To Serve God, Christ's Church, and the Community: Proclaiming Salvation To All.

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Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

If you have a prayer concern, a need, or would like to receive weekly messages in the mail during this time, email us (rlumc.oh@gmail.com) or leave a voice message (937-746-2131).

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR

The autumn is a good time to unclutter. Nature is busy doing her own house cleaning of transformation and relinquishment.

Imagine a leaf still hanging on a tree. See it blowing in the breeze still green; keep your eyes on the leaf while it gradually changes from green to red and gold. Perhaps it even turns brown and crumbly before it lets go. Finally, it detaches itself and slowly makes its journey to the ground. What caused it to let go? Was it the rain, or a storm or maybe a gentle wind? Or, was it just the right time for let go?



Now consider is it the right time for you to let go?

- Reflect on what is in your closets. What do you see? Are there things you haven't worn or used for years? Is there someone who could benefit from you letting go?
- Reflect on what is around your house. Are there things that are only taking up space? Things you are not enjoying? Not using? Books you aren't reading? Do you know someone else who might enjoy

them?

- Let's look now at your inner closets. What do you see? Would you experience a greater freedom if you were able to surrender certain attitudes, harmful ways of thinking, anxieties? Resentments bitterness, hostility?
- What is it that crowds out your joy, smothers your love, or takes away your peace?

At this time of fall cleaning you may have noticed some things that you would like to see cleaned out of your inner or outer closets.

What needs your attention? What kind of action do you need to take?

Ask God to help you know what to surrender and how to surrender.

*Pastor Sandy
Shine the light of Christ
out on everyone you meet
everywhere you go.
Pastor Sandy*



Every Sunday

- Sunday worship
- Adult Sunday School
- Children's Sunday School
- Blessing Box restock/Food Pantry Outreach
- Every Tuesday: AA
- Every Thursday: weekly online reflection time video
- Oct. 2:
 - World Communion Sunday
 - Worship Team meeting
- Oct. 4: Franklin Mission Dinner
- Oct.9: Celebration Sunday
- Oct. 16: Board of Directors meeting
- Oct. 17: UMW meeting
- Oct, 25: Franklin Mission Dinner
- Oct. 30: All Saints' Sunday

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, Nov. 20
Church Luncheon & Annual
Church Conference

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 AM

(A shorter worship video also posted on Facebook, YouTube and our website on Sunday morning.)

10/2World Communion
Sunday

Sermon Series

The Gospel According to Dr. Suess

10/9Matthew 7:24-27 – Yertle the Turtle

10/16 ..1 Peter 1:3-7 – Horton Hatches An Egg

10/23 ..Revelation 21:1-5 – The Cat in the Hat Comes Back

10/30 ..All Saints Sunday –
Matthew 26:36-39 – What Was I Scared Of?

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Third Monday of each month
11:00 am.



All women are welcome. Enjoy fellowship, a bible study, mission work and lunch.

If you know someone who could benefit from receiving an encouraging word via a card, please let Norma know.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

ADULTS

Sundays at 9:30 AM

Everyone welcome! - Come and join lively, spirit-led discussions based on scripture. No pre-study needed.



CHILDREN



Every Sunday after Children's Moments in worship includes a bible lesson and fun activities (these may include crafts, singing, games).

YOUTH

Our Youth Directors are in communication with our youth in various ways. Let Brittany or Bandon know if you know of a youth that could use encouraging messages.

PRAYER CONCERNS

We lift up...

Geraldine C. Charlotte M.
Guy Judy B.
Marty C. Bob C.
Linda Nick and family
Jessica
Storm & flood victims

and those on our hearts to you Lord, you know their needs. We place them in your loving caring arms because you are the great healer, the great comforter, and the great peace maker and through you anything is possible. Amen.



SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME

Everyone is welcome to join us for fellowship and food after worship each Sunday.



October 9: Celebration Sunday (birthdays/ anniversaries)

Birthdays:

Oct. 9..... Marty Chaney
Oct. 11..... Reagan Gregg
Oct. 12..... Mike Green
Oct. 16..... Pat Wilmot
Oct. 19..... Andy Bledsoe
Oct. 19..... John Grier
Oct. 20..... Caleb Boy
Oct. 21..... Kristen Trees

Anniversaries:

Oct. 24..... Nancy & Andy Bledsoe

If we missed a birthday or anniversary, please let Pastor Sandy know.

AA MEETING

Every Tuesday 7:30-8:30 PM.
Contact Mike Tracy if you have any questions. H: 513-932-0538
C: 513-850-4633

If you have anything you would like to get into the newsletter, please submit it by email to svogele@fuse.net by Oct. 23

CHECK OUT THESE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

MARCH TO MISSION

For the month of September:

- October – Hope House Mission (Middletown) Founded in 1989, Hope House Mission is a faith-based ministry, serving homeless men, women and children in Butler, Warren, and surrounding counties in Southwest Ohio. Much more than an emergency shelter, Hope House Mission provides comprehensive programs and services designed to promote long-term, sustainable life transformation

BLESSING BOX/PRAYER STATION

Regular donations needed individual snacks, laundry detergent, baby wipes/diapers, personal toiletry items.

Can always make monetary donations in box at back of church.

SUPPORT THE CHURCH

Please continue your tithing, so we can be servants through worship, service and whatever God puts on our hearts. You can mail it in, or drop off in basket at back of Sanctuary.

MISSION DINNER AT FRANKLIN FIRST UMC

We, along with Hope UMC, serve dinners at Franklin UMC. Ways you can serve:

- Food/monetary donations:
 - ✓ Can always use bottles of water anytime.
 - ✓ Food donations, bring to church (watch for in the weekly program)

- On night of dinner(see calendar on front page):
 - Help put dinner together 3:30-4:30 pm. Contact Marty.
 - Help serve inside or pass out dinner bags – 4:30-5:30 pm. Contact Marty.
- Pray.

SUNDAY MORNING OUTREACH

Sundays – 11:45 am to 1:00 pm

Kroger Cards and other/extra items that cannot be put in the Blessing Box (due to temperature or other reasons) will be available. Ways you can help...

- Donations (monetary or items)
- Help distribute on Sunday mornings 11:45 am – 1 pm.
- Be available to pray for anyone wishing a prayer

IHN (FAMILY PROMISE) DINNER

Thank you to all who help provide meals and activities for homeless families. Our next opportunity will be Saturday, December 24th

FIRST RESPONDERS

Each month a gift of snacks and bookmarks are delivered to a fire or police station as a thank you for their service. It is delivered by the Warmoth family. You can bring in individually wrapped or bag snacks anytime. If you have any questions, please contact Brandon.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS



We started this trusting in God. Each window will cost \$20,000 to repair (total of \$60,000 for phase 1). A “Stained Glass Windows” box is available in the back of the Sanctuary to place your donations or you can send a check (indicate in memo line – stained glass windows).

COMMUNITY SHELTER



The shelter will provide us an area to do some outside worship, church events, and community activities. A “Community Shelter” box is available in the back of the Sanctuary to place your donations or you can send a check (indicate in memo line – community shelter).

WORSHIP HELP

You can serve our Lord through:

- Being liturgist on Sunday mornings
- Learning to run A/V for Sunday service
- Being a greeter on the Sanctuary level
- Office help
- Plus other ways

If you would like to have more information, please see Pastor Sandy.